MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MARIA CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

OCTOBER 4, 2016

INVOCATION:
Pastor Miguel Hidalgo of Iglesia de Dios, El Cuerpo de Cristo (Church of God, Body of Christ) gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Zuniga led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino.

Councilmember Boysen was absent during roll call. Councilmember Boysen arrived at 7:14 p.m.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Haydon, City Attorney Trujillo, Police Chief Martin, City Librarian Housel, Director of Public Works Kahn, Interim Fire Chief Kenley, Deputy City Manager Stilwell, Utilities Manager/Deputy Director Clarin, Accounting and Budget Manager Cornel, Planning Division Manager Gilli, Community Programs Manager Narez, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz.

Director of Utilities Springer arrived at 7:14 p.m.

1. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

A. PROCLAMATION – ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH
Councilmember Orach presented a proclamation in honor of "Energy Awareness Month" October 2016. Dave Cross, Program Manager with Santa Barbara County Energy Watch Partnership, and Glenn Morris, CEO of the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce, accepted the proclamation.

B. PROCLAMATION – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
Councilmember Waterfield presented a proclamation in recognition of "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" October 2016. Eloise Patterson, Outreach and Program Development Coordinator with Domestic Violence Solutions, accepted the proclamation and invited everyone to the October 10th Candlelight Vigil where Mayor Patino would be saying a few words.

C. PROCLAMATION – SPELLING BEE DAY
Councilmember Zuniga presented a proclamation in honor of "Spelling Bee Day" October 22, 2016. Laura Arteaga, Executive Director of the Central Coast Literacy Council, accepted the proclamation.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Martin Induik expressed his gratitude with the City and City staff for their collaboration regarding the property at 715 S. Blosser that California Electric Supply will be officially occupying as of Friday, October 7, 2016.

Peter Flores, representing One Community Action, requested that the community establish a violence prevention program in light of several recent deaths in the City.

Arnulfo Romero, representing One Community Action, thanked Councilmembers Boysen and Zuniga for their support of the group. He also expressed frustration that the group may not be getting the support they would like to have.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR:
Councilmember Zuniga asked to comment on Item 3F.

3F- Mental Agreement
Councilmember Zuniga said she understood that the issue of a one to three-year contract was up for discussion. She asked if there were any other issues that might have caused a delay in finalizing the contract. She also asked if the payables were a flat rate or based on the number of clients served.

Police Chief Martin responded that staff had been in negotiations with the County of Santa Barbara with the hope that, with a one-year contract, they might be able to secure bedding at the old Marian Hospital thus a three-year contract would not be necessary. In addition, staff was asking the County for more data and did not feel a three-year contract was necessary at this time.

With regard to the payables, Chief Martin responded that the City would pay a flat fee that was not based on the number of clients due to the fact that the Mental Health Unit did not always have people available to respond.

Consent Calendar Items 3A through 3H were approved, on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga, and carried on the following vote: 4-0-1

AYES: Councilmembers Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Boysen
ABSTAIN: None

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of September 20, 2016, were approved as submitted.

C. WARRANTS
Warrant Nos. 202856 to 203102 totaling $2,476,680.78 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance. Warrant Nos. 202207 and 202694 were cancelled.

D. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

E. ORDINANCE NO. 2016-22 FOR CASA BUENA ZONE CHANGE
The City Council conducted the second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2016-22 amending the Official Zoning Map for approximately 1.1 acres at the northeast corner of Cook Street and Superior Street for the Casa Buena Court Project.

Ordinance No. 2016-22 adopted. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR APPROXIMATELY 1.1 ACRES AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF COOK STREET AND SUPERIOR STREET FOR THE CASA BUENA COURT PROJECT.

F. MOBILE CRISIS AGREEMENT
Resolution No. 2016-129 was adopted approving the execution of the second amendment agreement with the County of Santa Barbara to provide for Mental Health Mobile Crisis services for the Fiscal Years 2015-16 through 2017-18.

Resolution No. 2016-129 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT TEAM MOBILE CRISIS SERVICES.

G. HG GARDENS, TRACT 5994 SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT
Resolution No. 2016-123 was adopted approving the Final Map and Subdivision Improvement Agreement for HG Gardens, Tract 5994.

Resolution No. 2016-123 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE FINAL MAP AND SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT FOR HG GARDENS, TRACT 5994.

H. WATER SALES AGREEMENTS TO THE MONTECITO AND GOLETA WATER DISTRICTS
Resolution No. 2016-130 was adopted authorizing the Director of Utilities to enter into and execute Water Sale Agreements with the Montecito Water District and the Goleta Water District for the one-time sale of surplus State Water.

Resolution No. 2016-130 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES TO

ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE WATER SALE AGREEMENTS WITH THE MONTECITO WATER DISTRICT AND THE GOLETA WATER DISTRICT FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS STATE WATER.

APPOINTMENTS

4. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSION
Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz reported the City Council would have the opportunity to make one appointment to the *Planning Commission* to fill an unexpired term ending in January 2019 as Commissioner Gayle Pratt recently resigned. One application was received from Kelly White O'Neill.

Mayor Patino announced that Councilmember Boysen had given her prior authorization to nominate Kelly White O'Neill to the Planning Commission in his absence; therefore, she made the nomination.

On motion by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Orach, Kelly White O'Neill was appointed to the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term ending in January 2019, and carried on the following vote: 4-0-1

AYES: Councilmembers Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Boysen
ABSTAIN: None

5. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING PROCESSES. The City Council considered changes recommended by the Block Grants Advisory Committee (BGAC) for the upcoming Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funding processes.

Community Programs Manager Narez gave a report as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. Ms. Narez asked if anyone in the audience needed a translator as the City has a translator available with translation equipment at the back of the room. She also introduced members of the BGAC in the audience.

In May 2016, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) monitored the City's CDBG processes and said they were impressed with the program. However, they recommended changes that would help staff and the BGAC be more efficient in making allocations to both Public Services and Capital Projects. HUD also suggested limiting the number of Public Service grant allocations and increasing the minimum dollar amount of an allocation to $10,000. Staff and the BGAC have come up with two additional recommendations. The first being to retain $25,000 in Public Service allocations for the City Council and the second being to modify the allocation of Capital funds by instituting a required preliminary review from each applicant for consideration by Council.

Staff recommended that the BGAC set aside $25,000 from the total available public service allocation so that Council may allocate directly. Each Councilmember would be provided $5,000 and could either add to existing Public Service Grant Allocation(s) or combine with other Councilmember(s) to provide funding to an organization not already receiving an allocation at a minimum of $10,000. This process would allow for Councilmembers to have more flexibility in the funding process and would keep allocations at $10,000 or above.

Regarding Capital Projects, staff recommended that each agency submitting a Capital Project Application be required to submit a two-page preliminary proposal along with a one-page budget that would give staff the opportunity to evaluate a project prior to the agency going through the extensive application and bid process. Preliminary reports and staff recommendations would go to Council to prioritize the projects. Council's prioritized list would then be forwarded to the BGAC for action.

Councilmember Waterfield asked for more specifics regarding using the $5,000 allocation as a Councilmember.

Community Programs Manager Narez responded that the CDBG deliberation meetings were always open to the public and she invited Councilmembers to attend three upcoming meetings to get an idea of where to apply their allocation. Staff also plans to present the outcome of deliberations to the City Council following the meeting so they could best choose where to put their funding. However, in order to meet the $10,000 minimum for a project, two Councilmembers would need to combine their allocation should they chose to fund an agency outside the recommendations of the BGAC.

Councilmember Zuniga asked if staff anticipated that agencies that would not normally ask for a $10,000 grant would now come in asking for that amount.

Community Programs Manager Narez responded that, currently, most applicants do ask for $10,000 or more. Agencies who have received less than $10,000 did not necessarily ask for that smaller amount, that is just what they had previously been allocated by the BGAC.

City Manager Haydon added that the Public Service recommended allocations for 2016-17 were listed in the staff report. In the past year, only two agencies had requested less than $10,000.

Public input
There were no requests to speak.

Council discussion
Mayor Patino asked the BGAC Chair how the committee felt about the arrangement.

BGAC Chair Seifert responded that in the past, there has never been much flexibility once the Committee determined their allocations. This process would allow for more funding flexibility and more Council input.

Councilmember Orach stated he approved of the idea and thought the requirement of a preliminary proposal with a budget would be very helpful in determining which Capital Projects to fund.

Councilmember Waterfield agreed and indicated she thought it would be a good opportunity for the Council to experience what the Committee goes through with their decision-making process.

Councilmember Zuniga commented that she did not want people to perceive an agency as being disgruntled should they aggressively pursue funding. Agencies were simply advocating for their causes. She also stated she believed the $10,000 minimum was a good idea and said she was excited about the opportunity to determine allocations as a Councilmember.

Mayor Patino requested that Council deliberate on each issue separately.

$10,000 Minimum for Future Public Service Grants
There was general consensus by the Council that the $10,000 minimum was a more efficient allocation, but that it was unfortunate that some agencies might not receive a grant at all under this new process.

Total Public Service Allocation Amount Reduction by $25,000 (in order to provide each Councilmember with $5,000 for allocation). There was general consensus by the Council to go forward with this recommendation.

Capital Projects Requirement for a Preliminary Proposal and Budget
Councilmember Zuniga asked how an agency could submit a budget for a Capital Project that had not gone out for bids.

Community Programs Manager Narez responded the preliminary proposal would be a rough estimate and that the process would allow the BGAC to determine if the agency qualified for HUD funding.

Councilmembers Orach and Waterfield stated they supported the recommendation.

Councilmember Boysen commented that, in recent years, the Council had been leaning more toward "shovel-ready" types of projects and he hoped the timing of the required preliminary report would work for agencies that were putting in applications.

Resolution No. 2016-131 was adopted approving recommended changes to the upcoming Community Development Block Grants Program funding processes; and directing staff to implement same, on motion by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2016-131 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE PROPOSED CHANGES FOR THE UPCOMING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS (CDBG) PROGRAM FUNDING PROCESSES.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER:
City Manager Haydon reported the next meeting would be October 18, 2016, and would include consent agenda items such as the approval of a grant application for funding for a youth soccer/recreation development program, and the 2015-16 Presentation by the Visitor and Convention Bureau Services and Economic Development Commission.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS):
Councilmember Zuniga reported that she attended a PLAY meeting; a meeting with Supervisor Lavagnino and members of the One Community Action group; a League of Women Voters Candidate Forum; the Chamber's Future Business Leaders Lunch; and the Minerva Club Luncheon.

Councilmember Waterfield reported she attended a Santa Maria Tourism Improvement meeting; the Boys & Girls Club Celebrity Night Fundraiser; the Alzheimer's Association Walk-In-The-Park; the Chamber's Future Business Leaders Lunch; a League of Women Voters Candidate Forum; and the Grapes & Grains Festival.

Councilmember Orach reported that he attended several of the previously mentioned activities.

Councilmember Boysen reported he met with the Santa Barbara Bike Coalition which is trying to establish an operation in Santa Maria. He encouraged them to reach out to each Councilmember to let them know what the organization does. He also reported that he attended meetings with County Supervisors regarding the supplemental Table A water. The Board of Supervisors has continued the item until November 1st. He indicated the Supervisors were concerned with certain risks with granting the City's request.

Mayor Patino reported that she met with the Police Chief; the Santa Maria Public Airport District Meeting; the Santa Maria Tourism Improvement District Meeting; a WAR (We All Rise) Anti-Bullying Program meeting put on by the National Guard; the Boys & Girls Club Celebrity Night Fundraiser; a League of Women Voters Forum with the City Council Candidates; the Santa Maria Business Development Center Grand Opening; the Grapes & Grains Festival; spoke on the Ben Heighes Radio Show and attended the Minerva Club Lunch.

Councilmember Waterfield expressed concern about pedestrian safety and the congestion at the Costco/Trader Joe's parking lot entrance off Stowell Road. She suggested reconfiguring the parking lot entrances and exits when Costco moves out along Bradley Road.

City Manager Haydon responded that staff was in discussions with the current Costco owner and that issues would be part of the discussion.

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

APPROVED:

October 18, 2016
Date

Rhonda M. Garietz, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria

ATTEST:

Rhonda M. Garietz, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk